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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 27-46 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Applicants have added claims 36-46 to claim additional features of the invention and to vary the protection for the claimed invention further. Applicants have editorially amended claims 1, 27-29, and 31-35 for clarity.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner for courtesies extended in the personal interview conducted on September 11, 2008.

The Examiner provided an Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTOL-413) at the interview on September 11, 2008.

Applicant submits this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the interview, the following was discussed:

A. Identification of claims discussed:

Claim 1.

B. Identification of prior art discussed:

Rauchhaus (U.S. Patent No. 4,781,407).

C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:

None.

D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

Applicants' representative respectfully pointed out that Rauchhaus does not teach or suggest "*wherein a cylindrical portion that accommodates the cam member is formed on the operation handle*", as recited in exemplary claim 1.

E. Results of the Interview:

In response to the arguments presented, the Examiner indicated that the arc-shaped handle 35 of Rauchhaus could be considered a cylindrical portion.

While Applicants' disagree, Applicants and the Examiner agreed that amending the claims to replace the phrase "cylindrical portion" with the term "cylinder" would overcome the current prior art rejections.

Applicants submit that claims 1 and 27-46, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance,


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Applicants request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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